MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The trace was formed by the ryots. The road, as at present constructed, does not comply with the rules of the ryots road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government is prepared to allow an allotment of Rs. 8,000 for the whole road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Removal of manure leaves from Reserve Forests.

59. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the granting of pass for the removal of manure leaves from the Reserve Forests for the use of cultivating paddy lands given in registry in and near the Reserve Forests was in vogue:

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the system still continues;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, when the system was discontinued;

(*d*) why the system was discontinued; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the owners of paddy lands in and near the Reserve Forests experience real hardship by not granting license for the removal of manure leaves from Reserve Forests?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Collection of manure leaves from Reserved Forest is not allowed except from specified areas, such as scrub jungle Reserve?

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) In view of answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

(*e*) No. Reserved Forests are not maintained for the supply of manure leaves to the paddy fields in and near the Reserves.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the specified areas from where manure leaves are collected?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The area has already been notified by Government. I refer the member to the publication of Government in 1925.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any reserve inside the Nedumangad Taluk to collect manure leaves?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is the Thonnackal Reserve in the Nedumangad Forest Range.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether it is in the Nedumangad or Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*). It is in the Nedumanged Forest Range.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any specific area, from where manure leaves could be collected by the farmers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether people who have applied for the removal of manure leaves at any time in the

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history of Travancore or in the history of the Forest Department have been allowed to do so?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): After 1925, the area from which manure leaves could be collected has been specified.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether before 1925 the practice of collecting manure leaves from the Forest areas by the payment of small fee, was permitted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the farmers are put to various difficulties in not permitting them to collect manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it would not be a sort of income for the Government if such licenses are issued to the agriculturists?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it so.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA IYER (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know the nature of the objection that the Government have?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): If manure leaves are allowed to be collected the Reserve may be destroyed.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): How is that? Only manure leaves are allowed to be collected.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not easy to find that out. People may get into the reserve and take away other forest produce as well.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I wonder why they cannot be permitted to issue licenses?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have permitted people to collect manure from certain areas but not from all areas.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Yes. Why is it allowed in only specified areas?

PRESIDENT The Government Member has answered that permission is allowed to collect manure leaves from forest areas where no damage is likely to be done to the forest produce and they are not allowed in other places where it is likely to damage forest produces.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does the Government realise that it affects agriculture if they are not allowed to collect manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is why they have allowed 1,400 acres and odd from which to collect manure leaves.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any Reserve in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government have any objection to collecting manure leaves from outside the scrub jungle reserve?

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